1	2	3
Gauhati	21759	159
Gujarat	74344	2914
Himachal Pradesh	12712	858
Jammu & Kashmir	41655*	575*
Karnataka	79429	619
Kerala	34330 (Main cases)	11
Madhya Pradesh	45552	1551
Madras	225636**	882**
Orissa	45767*	725
Patna	66857	3512
Punjab & Haryana	91769	1792
Rajasthan	70455	1719
Sikkim	45	..

*Indicate the pendency in the High Courts as on 30-6-1989.

**Indicate the pendency in the High Courts as on 31-12-88.

Financial asssistance to Cardamom Growers

319. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to heavy rains and cyclone there was heavy loss of production of cardamom both in Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(b) whether the Cardamom growers have sought any financial assistance to meet this heavy loss and whether Government have received any representation from them in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to give sufficient financial assistance to the cardamom growers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture has released the amounts towards relief as per the norms laid down in this behalf. The Spices Board has also prepared and implemented certain schemes within its delegated powers for the benefit of the cardamom growers. In addition, the affected growers were given preference under the on-going schemes of the Board for replanting, soil conservation, and water-management.

Export of agricultural products

320. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to increase the export of agricultural products;